

Wary Eye Kept By Producers Of Livestock

**Cattlemen Feel Long
Drought Breaking,
Hog Prices Up**

By SAM DAWSON
DENVER — The men who have steaks, bacon and lamb chops still on the hoof are feeling better today. But they are keeping a wary eye on the life expectancy of the general good times as well as on the livestock markets.

With good times have come some of the meat industry's best friends: The big baby crops, the spreading custom of backyard grilling of steaks, the popularity of the hamburger with the young, the upgrading of consumer buying and increased meat consumption.

Livestock men are counting on the prices they got firming up a little more after their long drop. But they know that full paychecks and a feeling of prosperity throughout the land has a lot to do with boosting meat consumption to record highs.

They also know that good times determines to a large extent which of their individual meat products gets the public's money. The housewife switches quickly from expensive to cheap cuts, or even to meat substitutes when paychecks shrink or stop altogether for a while.

Cattlemen feel that the long drought is breaking, especially on the ranges to the north of here. Hog feeders in the Midwest have perked up since prices bounced back some from their lows. Sheepmen out here hope for firm prices on lambs, and also count on the government's new incentive payments on wool.

There's going to be plenty of meat going to market this fall. But people have been eating all that's offered, points out Radford Hall, executive secretary of the American National Cattlemen's Assn. There are no big inventories in storage. The cattlemen's troubles stem from high production pushing prices to the weak side, from rising costs, and above all from drought in most regions to the south of here.

Despite the drought inroads the number of cattle in the nation has been growing. There are around 97 1/2 million head, some 60 million of them beef cattle, both record highs. The association estimates more than 13 billion pounds of beef will be eaten by Americans this year, some 82 pounds per capita.

Both Hall and Dave Rice, Colorado Cattlemen's Assn., secretary, agree that the drive in recent years to halt the steady growth in the cattle population hasn't succeeded yet. Both say there will be a record number of cattle ready to move to the market or to the feeders' lots when the first snows drive them out of the higher ranges west of here.

Rice and Hall boast that cattlemen have "never asked a direct subsidy from the government."

However, the Agriculture Department has agreed that if a big run to market this fall should depress prices badly, it will buy meat at the market price for such things as school lunches with the aim of halting the drop.

The department also will aid wool growers with an incentive plan that would supplement the price they'll get for their clip if the market stays depressed.

**Kentucky Demo
Rejects Offer
Of Senate Seat**

FRANKFORD, Ky. (AP)—A Democratic appointee to the U.S. Senate has declined the post and the Republican party has delayed selection of a senatorial nominee for Kentucky's November election.

Joseph J. Leary, 49-year-old Democratic leader, was appointed to the Senate Monday by Gov. A. B. Chandler. In announcing his decision, Leary yesterday told reporters "a sincere desire to bring peace to the ranks of the Democratic party in Kentucky" had led him to consider the senatorship.

Leary, who has served as a speech writer and adviser to both Chandler and Sen. Earle C. Clements, said he was convinced, under the circumstances which now exist, that he couldn't accomplish his peace objective.

Kentucky's Democratic party is split between two factions, one headed by Chandler and the other by Clements and former Gov. Lawrence Wetherby. The Democratic State Central Committee Tuesday named Wetherby as the party's nominee for the unexpired term of the late Sen. Albert W. Barkley in the November election. The committee is controlled by forces friendly to Clements.

Chandler said he would try to fill Barkley's seat "in a reasonable time."

The Republican State Central Executive Committee will meet in Lexington Saturday, but Chairman Dewey Daniel of Hazard announced Wednesday the party's nominee for Barkley's seat will not be chosen then. It had been reported previously that the nominee would be announced at that time with Dr. Elmer E. Gabbard of Buckhorn expected to be the choice.

**GIRLS STATE DELEGATES
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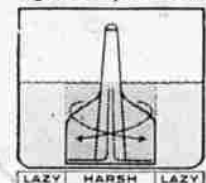
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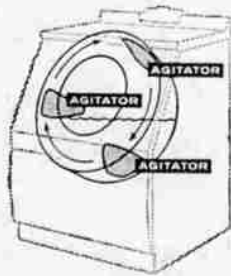
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